

was night  
Next morning the woman and her children fled from her home, never to return.

"A friend went by night and recovered the live stock belonging to the woman and sold it for them at a great sacrifice. Their crop was a total loss. They will be lynched if it is found if any of them ever returned to their home.

"Reputable merchants and bankers in this county unite in giving the Negro and his family a good character. The son has been offered a loan of \$100 by a leading farmer to pay a note, the holder of which threatened suit during these troubles. A leading merchant gave the father a line of credit running from \$500 to \$1,500 a year. One of the best citizens of the county signed his bond.

"The education of his children and the success of his thrift seem to be the sole offense of the Negro.

"Case No. 131, a Negro complained a brokerage case. At the trial in Atlanta he appeared as a witness. Fearful to return to the county he went elsewhere to live. The son of his former employer discovered where he had obtained a warrant for his arrest, and brought him back. He disappeared. A boy fishing alone was killed in Indiana. Search was made, but body was unearched. In a pocket was found a card identifying the corpse as that of the missing Negro.

"Case No. 135 (County No. 25). The Sheriff of this county with two other men, were in an automobile on the road to the county site. They were drinking. The Sheriff asked a Negro on the road to get him a drink of water. The Negro answered that he was not at his own home, but that he supposed there would be no objection in giving him a drink of water.

"Though Sheriff left the car and struck the Negro twice with a pistol, the Negro brought the water. The Sheriff made him get in the car, carried him 500 yards and made him get in the car where he beat him over the head with a pistol and a stick. The bleeding Negro was carried into the car again and made to lie down. He was carried ten miles. The Sheriff was kicking him in the body and head and his eye was virtually knocked out. Then the Sheriff made him get out. He was beaten again on the naked body.

"The Sheriff stopped to cut another Negro when one of his companions advised the Negro to run if he wished to live. This he did, hiding in the woods until later a passerby carried him into town. The Sheriff was indicted for assault with intent to murder. He was acquitted. The Negro eaten has the reputation of being a peaceable, law-abiding, hard working man. He was threatened with death if he testified against the Sheriff."